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## The Queen Says

### "Thank You"

Not long ago, when the Queen of Thailand was in New York, in an extraordinary departure from protocol, she stood alone before representatives of American secular and religious agencies — including Church World Service.

"May I stand," she asked, "in a gesture of respect to all of you... You are the people whom I have longed to meet and to whom I owe this tremendous sense of gratitude."

Queen Sirikit spoke of the strain that had been placed upon Thai people and government by the sudden influx of thousands of new refugees from Cambodia (Kampuchea) and told of her first-hand visits to refugee camps in her country.

"A a Buddhist..." the Queen said, she had prayed for "guidance and for someone to help." American resettlement assistance, as well as food and medical supplies, she said, seemed an answer to her prayer.

The Queen then thanked the members of the group for their efforts in resettling 168,000 Indochinese refugees in the past year in the United States and for their other relief efforts. "I hope," she added, "that with your help we can continue to save lives."

## Conference OCWM

### Needs A

### "Summer Booster"

Before going on vacation, remind your church to give a "summer booster shot" of OCWM to the Southeast Conference Office.

With a proposed 1980 OCWM Conference Goal of \$113,900, receipts for the first five months (January - May) should have been \$47,458. But as of May 31, receipts have totaled \$35,392, falling short of the goal by \$12,066 at this time.

If your church has yet to send into the Conference Office its 1980 OCWM Annual Goal, please do so at this time. Annual goals enable the Conference not only in its financial, but in its programmatic planning as well.

Support your Conference!

## Dr. Floyd To Begin Conference Post July 1

Following installation on June 8, 1980 as the new Conference Minister of the Southeast Conference, Dr. Emmett O. Floyd will return to Greensboro, N.C. to complete his tenure there as Pastor of Congregational United Church of Christ.

Dr. Floyd will officially begin his duties with the Southeast Conference on July 1, 1980. Prior to that time official correspondence can be forwarded to the Southeast Conference Office, P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30359.

## Union Conversations Continue

The United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) took a step forward on April 22 when goals, objectives and a timetable for organized study were adopted by the denominations' 20 member Steering Committee on Union Conversations.

The Committee projected joint analysis at the congregational level where churches are located in geographic proximity and individual study where distance prevents bilateral study. "This will get us to work right away at the grass-roots level," commented United Church of Christ President Avery D. Post and Disciples General Minister and President Kenneth L. Teegarden. "It is significant because if we are to engage in formal unity negotiations at a future date, it will be done with the participation of those at the congregational level."

From 1979-1981, resource and educational materials will be prepared and local, regional and national sectors of the two denominations will be invited to launch their analysis. The next two years will be spent in study, out of which evaluations and recommendations will be prepared between 1983-1985. On the basis of responses from throughout the two churches, the Steering Committee expects to be prepared in 1985 to recommend either entry into formal union negotiations or discontinuance of bilateral discussions toward union.

## "What Our Church Needs Is Money"

How often have you heard church leaders say, "What our church needs is more money?"

You have probably heard it more often than you wished, for in these past years of inflation, no congregation has been able to get by without bringing the need for more money to the attention of its members!

Now, the Stewardship Council of the United Church has published a resource that faces up to this need. Entitled *Money for the Church's Ministries*, it consists of a Basic Resource book and four Supplements, and it offers a wide variety of helpful ideas that have worked in congregations from coast to coast.

Several years in the making, *Money for the Church's Ministries* has been widely circulated and field tested to make it as useful a tool as possible for every congregation in the UCC.

Copies can be obtained from: Distribution Service, Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia PA 19102.

## SEC Delegates To Attend National Youth Event

A group of 8 youth and 2 adults make up the delegation from the Southeast Conference that will be attending the National Youth Event, to be held at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, June 25-29, 1980.

In the planning stage for over 18 months, the National Youth Event will bring together, 1,500 youth and adult advisors from all 39 conferences in the United Church of Christ. A first of its kind in the 23 year history of the United Church, the National Youth Event will not only expose youth to national leaders, but will involve them in a variety of workshop and worship experiences with persons from across the country.

Due to the size limitation of Carleton

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# New Beginnings: A Conversation With Emmett And Katherine Floyd

On June 8 the Southeast Conference will install Dr. Emmett Floyd as its new Conference Minister and welcome Dr. Floyd's wife, Katherine Floyd, to the Conference. Dr. Floyd will officially begin his duties on July 1, 1980.

**Q. Dr. Floyd, the Conference Minister's position is an "impossible" one. Whatever possessed you to apply?**

**A. Emmett Floyd:** Although I did not apply, I did allow my name to be considered because of what I could see as an exciting opportunity in the Southeast Conference. I see it as one of those areas in the country that is facing not only growth, but change. I am a firm believer in the United Church of Christ as having the kind of solid footing in terms of traditional Christian faith and yet the kind of flexibility, structure, and an outlook that will enable us, I believe, to minister effectively to this new and growing south.

**Q. As you look at the Southeast Conference, what are your initial impressions?**

**A. Katherine Floyd:** Well, I think I feel very much at home in the Southeast Conference — these are my kind of folks. We share the same background and the same culture, and I feel that these are the kind of people that are the salt of the earth. I feel that we can work together with a sense of trust and with the feeling that we have something to offer, not only to this area, but to the whole national church.

**A. Emmett Floyd:** My initial reaction is the diversity to be found within this Conference — a diversity which offers not only types of problems in terms of our coming to an understanding and appreciation of one another, but also the kind of vitality this can lend in the life of a total church where we learn from each other in terms of our Christian witness and outreach.

**Q. In terms of working with the diversity of the Southeast Conference, what kind of background and tools do you bring to this task?**

**A. Emmett Floyd:** I'm not sure that we bring any "unique" qualifications at all. We do bring the experience of having been born, educated, and having grown up in this part of the country — we are both natives of Georgia. We attended schools in this part of the country. My hometown was



EMMETT AND KATHERINE FLOYD

Covington and Katherine's was Sandersville, Georgia. So we feel that the people here are, indeed, our kind of folk. In addition, I have been privileged to have some opportunities to serve with people in other parts of this country and I have grown in appreciation of the whole United Church of Christ in the matter of who we are as a people and the kind of witness we will be able to bring.

**A. Katherine Floyd:** Since Emmett and I came out of the Baptist tradition, I think I feel the way about the UCC as a Mother might in explaining to a child that she had adopted — that maybe I did not give birth to you, but I chose you, and therefore, I love you as much as any Mother could love her child. I feel that Emmett and I have deliberately made a choice to grow with the United Church of Christ some years in the past and we feel very strongly that this church has something vital to offer in this region.

**Q. In response to the Southeast Conference's position in the Sunbelt and the growth projected for this area, what are your visions in terms of church growth and development?**

**A. Emmett Floyd:** I am convinced that new church growth is not only a possibility for us, but a vital necessity. I think we are going to have to move as carefully and as judiciously as we possibly can in trying to identify those particular areas where new church development can and ought to occur. At the same time, part of that process will be to try to identify areas where a revitalization of certain congregations may take place — that needs our support and encouragement.

I have always felt that within this area of the country the UCC tends to be the kind of group whose light is hidden under a bushel. I would hope that we could all work together in ways to bring this light out and put it on a candlestand so that the whole region can see and understand who and what we are. I believe, when this is perceived, we will have the kind of response and growth and influence that we are capable of demonstrating.

**Q. What is it about the United Church of Christ in the south that for you makes it distinctive?**

**A. Emmett Floyd:** I think that what is distinctive, as I perceive it, is the kind of rich history that we have. The streams that make up the UCC — particularly the ones that have been predominant in this part of the country — have been groups of Christians who have been committed to what is now coming to pass in American society. And that is full integration and full equality for all of its citizens, not only in terms of race, but in terms of economic background, and all of the other aspect of human life in this region. I think that we have the kind of church structure with its freedom and with its flexibility that enables us to operate in ways that may not be available to some other church groups. Now, this means that a bigger responsibility is upon us all since no one can direct us to do anything. We all must be sensitive to the leadership of the spirit. But I think that the people in this region have a kind of basic Christian commitment to begin with, a kind of human warmth and openness that I feel just has to make us a more viable part of religious life as time unfolds.

**Q. Could you share with us a bit of your experiences as President of the United Church Board for World Ministries?**

**A. Emmett Floyd:** I suppose the climax of my experience occurred this past fall when Katherine and I attended the Middle East Council of Churches. I came away with two convictions. The first is a new appreciation for what Christians have to endure in other parts of the world. The second is how important it is to keep the Christian base in America strong, and recognizing how much Christian groups around the world depend upon us.

**A. Katherine Floyd:** The trip this past fall made me aware of how helpless other Christian groups feel and how much they depend on us to witness for them and to carry their story. We must not forget they are part of the Christian community!





Freda Brown leading one session of the Womens' Retreat.

## Ozone Setting for Worship in Drama Workshop

Camp Ozone, Ozone, TN will be the setting for a special "Drama in Worship Workshop" scheduled to be held August 17-23, 1980.

Designed as a stimulating event for youth and adults ages 15 and older, the aim of the workshop is to expose church members to the widening field of Christian Drama. Five special leaders will be presented to share their expertise in the event.

Costs for the workshop are \$65 which covers fees and room and board. For further information write: Camp Ozone, Ozone, TN 37842 or call 615-354-9747.

## SEC Delegates - Cont'd. (from Page 1)

College, conferences were each assigned a quota for the size of their delegation. Chosen on a first come, first serve basis, more persons applied for the 10 Southeast Conference delegate positions than could be selected. Delegates were required to pay registration costs, with their churches and Associations cooperating to help with transportation costs.

Attending from the Southeast Conference will be: Beth Ann Allison - Knoxville, Nedra Mahone - Atlanta, Mark Patridge - Atlanta, William Brooks - Atlanta, Cindy Matkins - Tullahoma (TN), Quinton Lewis - Midway (GA), Kent Brown - Cowan (TN), Laura Moore - Decatur (GA). NYE Staff representatives will be Molbro Roberts - Midway (GA). Adult Advisors will be Rev. Marvin Morgan - Atlanta and Debbie Schafer - Nashville who is Youth Core Coordinator for the Southeast Conference.

## Conference Women's Retreat Well Attended

A total of 85 women and a number of men came together for a Southeast Conference Spring Women's Retreat held at Camp Calvin, Hampton, GA, April 11-13, 1980. With participants gathered from all areas of the Conference, this was the first meeting for Southeast Conference women since the Task Force on Women in Church and Society was appointed last year.

Words like: warmth, fellowship, inspirational, good program format, lovely setting, leadership, spirit, good food and music came from the evaluation sheets that were turned in. The speaker most frequently mentioned was Rev. Dr. Peggy Way, Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Vanderbilt Divinity School, who led a bible study entitled, "The Nature of Community," which was appreciated by all the participants.

Rich in leadership, the Retreat was fortunate to have a whole host of other leaders and speakers. Delivering the Saturday evening address was Ms. Andrea Young, daughter of former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. Representing the Office for Church Life and Leadership of the United Church were both Rev. Joyce Myers and Ms. Marilyn Breitling. College professors Ms. Louise Cox, Southern Union College and Dr. Catherine Hurst, University of South Carolina both served as workshop leaders. Ms. Carol Jean Delcher, a student at Candler School of Theology, helped provide leadership along with Conference Minister W.J. Andes.

A bountiful number of workshops were made available to participants. Some of the offerings included: "Human Sexuality" led by Dr. Peggy Way, "The Burn Out Syndrome" led by Rev. Joyce Myers, "Body Language" led by Ms. Louise Cox, "Family and Life Style Concerns and the Changing Roles of Women" led by Ms. Marilyn Breitling, and "Women in the World - African, Chinese and Hispanic," led by Ms. Trudy Braun, Ms. Phemie Young and Rev. Joyce Myers.

One of the highlights of the Retreat was a spirited musical program presented on Saturday evening by the choir of Southwest Congregational Church, Atlanta, GA.

Another opportunity for a "mountain top experience" awaits these and other women when the "Southern Regional Meeting of UCC Women" convenes for the second time, in 1981.

JUNE BELI



Louise Cox, Womens' Retreat "M.C." and Mary Noles in the dining hall of Camp Calvin, Hampton, GA.

## Oak Grove Country Fair August 16-17

The annual Oak Grove Country Fair, sponsored by the Oak Grove Congregational Church, UCC, will be held August 16th and 17th, 1980. The Fair will feature approximately 150 exhibitors, plus an old fashion pit cook barbecue and games. Exhibitors come from all over the United States and offer an amazing variety of American home crafts and arts.

What makes the Oak Grove Country Fair so unusual is that all proceeds of booth rentals and admission fees are given to Christian Outreach. Since its inception seven years ago, the Fair has helped to fund continuing education and other programs of specialized ministry throughout the Southeast Conference.

The Fair grounds are located on Oak Grove Road, approximately 3 miles north of Pine Mountain, GA on Route 27. The Fair will be open from 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM each day.

Admission cost is \$1.00. Students and senior citizens are admitted free.

Avoid the crowd and plan to arrive early!

## Ala-Tenn Youth To "Pop-In"

A summer "Pop-In" has been planned for the youth of the Alabama-Tennessee Association to be held Friday-Sunday, June 27-29 at St. John's United Church, Cullman, AL.

The event, will be held at Southern Benedictine Campus in Cullman at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast will be served. A variety of activities have been planned.

For further information, contact the Ala-Tenn Association Office: 615-352-4702.



DR. WALSTEIN W. SNYDER

## Snyder Honored

Dr. Walstein W. Snyder, Executive Director of the Elon Home for Children at Elon College, NC, was named to the Hall of Fame of the Council for Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ at its Annual Meeting held in St. Louis, MO this past March.

The certificate presented to Dr. Snyder stated this honor was bestowed "for faithfulness and proficiency in Christian Service, coupled with professional excellency." It is an unrestricted award presented periodically for outstanding service.

The Council for Health and Welfare Services is composed of church related agencies throughout the United States which provide health and welfare services. Dr. Snyder is a former president of the Council and currently serves as Secretary.

Under Dr. Snyder's direction since 1960, Elon Home has become a multiple service agency including programs in foster care, day care, group home care, family and community services in addition to group care on the Elon College campus. This spring the home began operating a residential treatment group home in Burlington, NC.

In addition to being a member of various local organizations, Dr. Snyder is affiliated with state, regional, and national child care associations. He is a native of Elkton, VA, and a graduate of Elon College and Duke Divinity School. Married to the former Nell Mann of Burlington, he is the father of three children and has four grandchildren.

## Does Your Stewardship Need Inspiration?

Is your church suffering from tired stewardship? Does your church's stewardship need inspiration? Well, simply consider the case of Belvidere United Church of Christ, Belvidere, TN.

Each year Belvidere seems to make a new record for itself. Consider the following figures, posted as of April 13, 1980. Veterans of the Cross — \$1,117.48. One Great Hour of Sharing — \$3,695.00. OCWM toward a goal of \$4,434.08 — \$1,742.10.

But what makes this message so inspirational is that Belvidere has only 105 members. All this goes to show that stewardship is a matter not so much of numbers, but of conviction.

Follow Belvidere's lead. Put some conviction into your church's stewardship!

## Huntsville Church Celebrates

Huntsville, AL, United Church has been celebrating — and for good reason! They have a good deal to celebrate.

During the past two years the church has witnessed its Sunday attendance double in size. For the first time in several years, the church is meeting its monthly mortgage note in addition to exceeding its goal of \$300 for OGHS and giving to local benevolences. The church will be entering into another new adventure this summer with their own Vacation Bible School. Keep doing things to celebrate, Huntsville!

The church's pastor is Eugene Keen who has been with the church 2 years.

## Youth Lead Worship At Montgomery First

The Youth Group of First Congregational Christian Church, UCC in Montgomery, AL, celebrated Youth Day on Sunday, March 16, 1980. This was a very special day to the youth of the church since it had been 8 years since Youth Day had previously been celebrated.

Providing leadership for the service were Frederick Gambles, Jimmy Vinson, Stephanie White and Alice Grayson. Music was provided by Susan Buskey, Irva Reed, Judy Vinson, Jimmy Vinson and Stephanie White with a solo by Tenesia Snipes. A reception following the service was hosted by Dell Snipes, Andrea Ford, Tarah Quillen, Marvin Gambles and Joey White. Mr. Ralph Bestedar delivered the message.

ALICE GRAYSON

## News From Antioch

The new year isn't any slower than 1979. God has blessed us with our full time Pastor, Rev. Elmer Carnes. We are having prayer meeting every Wednesday night and have a number of new faces in attendance.

A young people's group has been organized and we are so happy that Carol Brand is leading them.

A group from our church attended the Valentine Party at Baker, Florida in February. We enjoyed the good food and Christian fellowship.

On March 12th we enjoyed Edwin and Ruth Messersmith who conducted our Wednesday night service for the second year in a row. The service was meaningful to everyone.

Time is fast flying by; each moment must be used for God.

BERNICE CARTER



The College Choir of Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, a college related to the

United Church of Christ, performed in concert on April 13 at First Evangelical & Reformed UCC in Nashville, TN.



## Roanoke Churches Discuss Missions

The Missionary Society of five churches in the Roanoke, AL, area met with the Lowell Congregational Christian Church on Monday, April 7 for a Book Report. The churches attending were Rock Stand, First Church, Wadley Christian, Pleasant Grove and New Hope.

Mrs. Sanford Turner welcomed the guests. Following an opening hymn and a devotional by Mrs. Robert Allten, a solo was sung by Mrs. Joyce Hancock. Mrs. Gordon Bradshaw gave the Book Report on "The Middle East."

The closing prayer and grace were delivered by Mrs. Rufus Eichelberger. Refreshments were served in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the meeting.

MRS. CLYDE H. PIKE

## LaForet Conference Slated

The annual Ministers' Week at LaForet, in Colorado will be held August 17-22, 1980. Cost is \$85.00. For further information write: Rocky Mountain Conference, 222 Clayton, Denver, CO 80206.

## Curt's Nuggets

From the desk of Curtis Schumacher, Pleasant Hill, Tennessee:

In the important offering (worship by sharing) portion of church services often portentous prayers are given over piddling gifts.

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Lanett Congregational Christian  
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## —AROUND THE CONFERENCE— Lanett, AL, Congregational Christian Church

From the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, from the Gulf of Mexico to the mountains of Tennessee, the Southeast Conference covers a broad expanse of territory. Contained within her boundaries are some 120 churches — widely dispersed — widely diverse in heritage and religious expression — and yet united in the conviction that the churches of Jesus Christ "may all be one."

One of the largest churches in the East Alabama Association is Lanett Congregational Christian Church, UCC, located in Lanett, Alabama. Tracing its roots to the Christian side of the United Church family, the Lanett Church was begun in 1896 by Rev. Hinnant Elder.

After sharing facilities, the church's first building was completed in 1898. During the pastorate of the church's first full time minister, Rev. H.M. Gray, a new house of worship was erected and dedicated in 1922.

Lanett Church moved to its present location and a totally new church plant in 1953. Leveled by a disastrous fire in 1969, the church rebuilt the present structure under the able leadership of Rev. W. Walter Hall. Dedicated in 1970, the congregation retired all indebtedness by the middle of 1971.

With some 250 members, Lanett Church continues to take an active role of leadership in its community as well as in the Association and Conference. Some of the recent accomplishments include the organization of a 60+ Club and a bus

## Rediscovering Creativity

Creativity has a natural kinship to religion. This is because creativity has its source in a sense of wonder. This is why it seems to me that a prime function of primary and familial relationships is to enable creativity and a sense of wonder to emerge.

And yet Margaret Mead, the great anthropologist, said, "The break between children and the natural world is enormous today. There are very few children now who are living very close to the world around them. They are seeing it through screens, through mechanical toys, through television. They ride around in motorcars cut off from the feel of the wind...There are not very many children today who have a chance to sit and wonder, and then have that wonder fed by all the things that other people can tell them about it."

She adds, "You know our established churches have become pretty stuffy. Children are taken to Sunday School. But Sunday School isn't a place where people feel wonder very much...We have lost many of the very important elements in religion — of delight in the world that the Lord has made, and delight in the light in the sky, and delight in the spring."

Our church has a responsibility for arousing wonder and reverence in children. Otherwise we may not expect them to become creative presences in the world.

REV. JOHN LACKEY

Church of the Savior Newsletter

## Huguley Church Has Helping Hands

Huguley Congregational Christian Church, Rt. 2, Lanett, AL, knows what its like to have "helping hands."

Mrs. Sylvia Perdue of Smiths, AL, is the Chairperson of the East Alabama Association Outreach Committee. She is a member of the First Congregational Christian Church of Phenix City, AL. Recently she volunteered to be the choir director for the Huguley Church. She is "reaching out" to help the Huguley Church grow and develop.

Huguley Church is also helping itself. Recently the church had a big day: a barbecue, a bake sale and the start of a Thrift Center. Better than \$600 was cleared to help liquidate the indebtedness of the church.

ministry. The youth are involved in a puppet ministry and a bell choir and an entrance ramp was recently built for the handicapped.

Arthur H. Dailey is the Church Moderator. Lanett Church is presently in the process of seeking a new pastor.

# NEWS and NOTES

Several members of Huntsville, AL, United Church are involved in a citywide program called CASA: Care Assurance System for the Aging. In total, the program has 105 active volunteers from 9 churches whose purpose it is to help the aging remain in their homes while still meeting all their needs.

Pleasant Hill, TN, Community Church has been given the task to judge and administer a \$750 prize to the Southeast Conference church which sends in the best proposal for a program in their own church for the benefit of their aging members. The award is to be used in carrying out the proposed program. Funds have been made available from the Division of Health and Welfare, UCBHM, to enable Southeast Conference program work on aging. Further details about the contest will be forthcoming.

On Sunday, May 4, Dr. David Beebe of Chattanooga, TN, Pilgrim UCC and Dr. Gary Straub of Chattanooga First Christian Church exchanged pulpits. In light of current Disciples — UCC conversations, each minister spoke on the theme "That They May All Be One." Representatives of each church accompanied their pastor.

Reflecting on the scriptural message contained in Matt. 25:14-30, Rev. Alton Nixon, pastor of Huguley, AL, Congregational Christian Church gave away \$200 in church funds. On Easter Sunday participants had multiplied the \$200 to \$614.61!

The Second United Church of Christ Clergywomen's Gathering will be held August 4-7, 1980 at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. For further information, write or phone Rev. Peggy McClanahan, 105 E. Florence, Pierce,

Nebraska 68767.

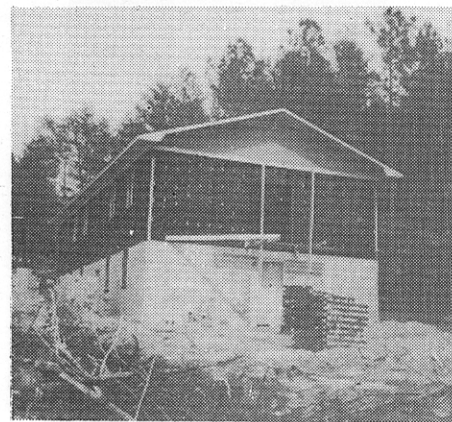
St. John's United Church, Cullman, AL, celebrated the graduation of 18 of its young people from high school this June.

Belvidere United Church, Belvidere, TN, has appointed a committee to study MOV — Ministry of Volunteers — a program made available through the Office for Church Life and Leadership. Intended to involve more persons in the ministry of a congregation, MOV is being introduced in the Southeast Conference by OCLL staff person, Rev. Joyce Myers. For further information, write to Rev. Myers at P.O. Box 29883, Atlanta, GA 30359.

Evangelist Billy Graham recently greeted the National Council of Churches at its board meeting in Indianapolis, IND, by stating that "our hearts are with you in many of the things that you are doing." Graham went on to single out the National Council's stands on disarmament of praise, bringing forth a warm round of applause with a ringing declaration of hope that someday "we get to SALT 10, when we can sit down and say let's destroy" nuclear weapons.

Valerie E. Russell, recent assistant to the president of the United Church of Christ, delivered the Commencement Address on May 18, 1980 at United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in New Brighton, Minnesota. Ms. Russell served as assistant to the president during the period 1973-79, as coordinator of the Advisory Commission of Women and as Affirmative Action Officer.

Donald J. Sevetson, former associate minister of the Minnesota Conference, UCC, was recently installed as Conference Minister of the Central Pacific Conference, which encompasses churches in



Liberty Hill Congregational Christian Church, Houston, AL

## Liberty Hill Church Rebuilding

Liberty Hill Congregational Christian Church, located in Houston, AL, is rebuilding its church structure. The church sanctuary was destroyed by fire in November, 1979.

Construction of the new building began in March, 1980. To be faced with brick, the two story structure will consist of a sanctuary under which will be a fellowship hall.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation may send it to: Lester Waid Sr., P.O. Box 58, Arley, AL 35541.

Rev. James T. Lowery is the pastor.

Oregon and Idaho. Mr. Sevetson had been a member of the Minnesota Conference staff for seven years.

Mr. Robert Steven Hudder was ordained to the Christian Ministry on June 1 by the Alabama-Tennessee Association. The service was held at St. John's United Church, Cullman, Alabama where Mr. Hudder is a member. He is a recent graduate of Columbia Seminary, Decatur, GA.

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